



STATEWIDE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SECTION
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CARGO THEFT

Cargo Theft is the criminal taking of any cargo including, but not limited to, goods, chattels, money, or baggage that constitutes, in whole or in part, **a commercial shipment of freight moving in commerce**, from any pipeline system, railroad car, motor truck, or other vehicle, or from any tank or storage facility, station house, platform, or depot, or from any vessel or wharf, or from any aircraft, air terminal, airport, aircraft terminal or air navigation facility, or from any intermodal container, intermodal chassis, trailer, container freight station, warehouse, freight distribution facility, or freight consolidation facility. For purposes of this definition, **cargo shall be deemed as moving in commerce at all points between the point of origin and the final destination**, regardless of any temporary stop while awaiting transshipment or otherwise.

Examples of Cargo Theft:

(Typically the location site would be 45 = Dock/Wharf/Freight/Modal Terminal)

- A delivery driver stopped at a truck stop for a short break and exited, leaving the vehicle unattended. A short time later, the driver returned to the vehicle and discovered the cargo missing from the box truck.
- An air cargo worker stole a shipment of military supplies from an all-cargo aircraft, which was scheduled for delivery to military personnel overseas.
- A suspect worked on the dock at a port facility, loading and unloading cargo containers. After hours, the suspect entered the shipping yard and stole a chassis and intermodal container loaded with automobile tires.

Examples of NO Cargo Theft:

- Larceny of merchandise from a convenience store
- Burglary of a residence with stolen money and household goods
- Burglary of a storage unit with stolen tools
- Completed Burglary with no property stolen
- Fraud with a credit card stolen
- Larceny Other with stolen jewelry and precious metals
- **Motor Vehicle Theft (Unless a semi-trailer hauling a load of automobiles is stolen in transit)**
- Larceny Other with money stolen from a residence
- Larceny From Motor Vehicle with stolen vehicle parts/accessories or purses/handbags/wallets
- Embezzlement of money stolen from a business
- Larceny of drugs from a residence

Since 2013, the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) program requires an entry for Cargo Theft. The Cargo Theft field is a one-character field, indicating either Y (yes) or N (no) that the crime involved a cargo theft, according to the above definition of cargo. This field is required when submitting the following offenses to MICR:

12000	Robbery
21000	Extortion
22001	Burglary-Forced Entry
22002	Burglary-No Force
23003	Larceny-Theft from Building
23005	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle
23007	Larceny-Other
26001	Fraud-False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game
26002	Fraud-Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine
26003	Fraud-Impersonation
26005	Fraud-Wire Fraud
24001	Motor Vehicle Theft
24003	Motor Vehicle Fraud
27000	Embezzlement
30001	Retail Fraud-Misrepresentation
30003	Retail Fraud-Refund/Exchange
51000	Bribery

For clarification on the above, or if you have additional questions, please contact:

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